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## **Abstract**

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Spinning we fall, clenching, unfurling,  
always learning more of falling.  
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simply heeding matter's calling.

Even as sand from the slow mass parts,  
sifts, slipping through the hour-glass,  
we do not stem, for all our arts,  
the avalanche but help it pass.

As every grain will wear away,  
widen the pinch where it starts its fall,  
just so we smooth for those who lay  
up, past the peritoneal wall.

Both mark the time of a short stretch  
falling, fulfilling a tiny role.  
But we are bits who've learned to fletch  
ourselves, so speed from hole to whole.